

WE CLAIM:

1. A composition comprising a protein in crystalline form wherein the protein has at least 90% identity with residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the protein has at least 95% identity with residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1.
3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the protein comprises consecutively residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1.
4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the protein crystal diffracts X-rays for a determination of structure coordinates to a resolution greater than 3.0 Angstroms.
5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice in a P6₁22 space group.
6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice having unit cell dimensions, +/- 5%, of a=80.45Å, b= 80.45Å and c=172.18Å.
7. A composition comprising AIK in crystalline form wherein the crystal has a crystal lattice in a P6₁22 space group.
8. A composition comprising AIK in crystalline form wherein the crystal has a crystal lattice having unit cell dimensions, +/- 5%, of a=80.45Å, b= 80.45Å and c=172.18Å.
9. A method for forming a crystal of a protein comprising:
forming a crystallization volume comprising: a precipitant solution and a protein wherein the protein has at least 90% identity with residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1; and
storing the crystallization volume under conditions suitable for crystal formation of the protein.
10. A method according to claim 9 wherein the protein has at least 95% identity with residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1.

11. A method according to claim 9 wherein at least a portion of the protein comprises consecutively residues 126-388 of SEQ. ID No. 1.
12. A method according to claim 9 wherein the protein diffracts X-rays for a determination of structure coordinates to a resolution greater than 3.0 Angstroms.
13. A method according to claim 9 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice in a P6₁22 space group.
14. A method according to claim 9 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice having unit cell dimensions, +/- 5%, of a=80.45Å, b= 80.45Å and c=172.18Å.
15. A method according to claim 9, the method further comprising diffracting the protein crystal to produce a diffraction pattern and solving the structure of the protein from the diffraction pattern.
16. A composition comprising at least a portion of a protein expressed as SEQ. ID No. 2.
17. A composition comprising an isolated protein consisting of SEQ. ID No. 3.
18. A method of identifying an entity that associates with a protein comprising:
 - taking structure coordinates from diffraction data obtained from a crystal of a protein that has at least 90% identity with SEQ. ID No. 3; and
 - performing rational drug design using a three dimensional structure that is based on the obtained structure coordinates.
19. A method according to claim 18 wherein the protein has at least 95% identity with SEQ. ID No. 3.
20. A method according to claim 18 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice having unit cell dimensions, +/- 5%, of a=80.45Å, b= 80.45Å and c=172.18Å.
21. A method according to claim 18 wherein the protein crystal has a crystal lattice in a P6₁22 space group.

22. A method according to claim 18, the method further comprising selecting one or more entities based on the rational drug design and contacting the selected entities with the protein.
23. A method according to claim 18, the method further comprising measuring an activity of the protein when contacted with the one or more entities.
24. A method according to claim 18, the method further comprising comparing activity of the protein in a presence of and in the absence of the one or more entities; and selecting entities where activity of the protein changes depending whether a particular entity is present.
25. A method according to claim 18, the method further comprising contacting cells expressing the protein with the one or more entities and detecting a change in a phenotype of the cells when a particular entity is present.